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<u>In Re Application of</u>	:	September 13, 2004
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<u>Serial No. 09/902,859</u>	:	Examiner: Shelly Chase
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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR LOW DENSITY PARITY CHECK ENCODING OF DATA		

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 12, 2004 for the above-identified patent application, Applicants submit a Petition for Extension of Time, fee, and the following:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments which begin on page 7.

Authorization is hereby given to charge **Deposit Account 50-0510** in the amount of \$258.00 for the introduction of three new independent claims in excess of three. The total number of claims is unchanged.